

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AGENDA SETTING MEETING
MARCH 29, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commission Chairman Anthony Dove
District 1 Commissioner Stanley Thomas
District 2 Commissioner John Pethel, Sr.
District 3 Commissioner Mike Youngblood
District 4 Commissioner Dewitt Bond
District 5 Commissioner Bruce Scogin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MEDIA PRESENT:

Zach Mitchem, Madison County Journal

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dove asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Sue Bennett Carson who passed away on March 27, 2010. Ms. Carson enjoyed a 30 year teaching career with the remaining 26 years at Ila Elementary.

Item No. 1. Chairman's Report. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove gave a report from the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget on population projections. The population for Madison County in 2010 is 29,111. The projections are as follows:

YEAR	POPULATION PROJECTION
2015	31,847
2020	34,796
2025	38,014
2030	41,029

Chairman Dove asked for a motion to allow him to sign the ACCG Safety Discount Form in order for the county to receive a 7.5 percent discount on workers' compensation insurance premium for 2011.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved for the Chairman to sign the ACCG Safety Discount Form.

Chairman Dove reported to the Board that Dan Horne of Chastain & Associates Insurance informed him of a reduction in cost after the audit was completed. The original cost was \$185,334 and after the audit, the cost was reduced to \$173,631, resulting in a \$11,703 savings to the county.

Chairman Dove stated that next year would be Madison County's Bicentennial (200 years) anniversary. Linda Fortson of Planning & Zoning is in charge of the committee. Several employees and citizens have volunteered their time and expertise. Chairman Dove asked the public for ideas and requested they contact Linda Fortson.

Item No. 2. Business Involving Guests, Groups or Multiple Visitors.

None.

Item No. 3. Report from IDA. (Marvin White)

Mr. White gave a report on the IDA activities since the last BOC meeting.

Item No. 4. Statements and Remarks from Citizens on agenda items.

None.

Item No. 5. Consider moving the Sheriff's Dept. firing range to a location at the Sheriff's Dept. (Sheriff Thomas)

Sheriff Thomas informed the Board that he held a Public Hearing on the firing range and the consensus was about 50/50. The sheriff stated that he had invited the public to view the proposed location and one person came for the tour. Members of the Board asked questions regarding Fine Finish, Health Department and the Recreation Dept. Sheriff Thomas replied that none of these businesses had any concern and that Fine Finish had attended the Public Hearing with no negative comments. Sheriff Thomas also stated that he had gone above the required standards in the design of the firing range.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the firing range to be moved to a location at the Sheriff's Dept.

Item No. 6. Consider refunding bond funds to Southern Software, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the CAD system at E-911. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove recognized David Camp, E-911 Director, who stated that Southern Software has substantially completed the project to his satisfaction. There are some programming issues outstanding which were created at his request. All issues and/or problems encountered since the system's installation have been addressed and resolved to his satisfaction. Their reputation of "excellent customer service" is proving to be well founded. Mr. Camp recommends that the Board approve refunding the bond funds to Southern Software.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to refund the bond funds to Southern Software.

Item No. 7. Consider application of Windstream Communications for permission to construct, operate and maintain a utility facility within the right-of-way of County Road 223 in Madison County. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the application of Windstream Communications.

Item No. 8. Consider application of Windstream Communications for permission to construct, operate and maintain a utility facility within the right-of-way of County Road 52 in Madison County. (Chairman Dove)

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Bond, the Board unanimously approved the application of Windstream Communications.

Item No. 9. Discuss candidate for EMS Director. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove informed the Board that the Public Safety Advisory Board would like to bring before the Board next week their recommendation for EMS Director, Jason Lewis.

On motion by Commissioner Youngblood and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved to place this on the April 5, 2010 agenda.

Item No. 10. Open bids for lawn maintenance. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove informed the Board that Alan Lapczynski, Grounds Maintenance, was on vacation this week and would look over the bids on his return and make a recommendation. The bids were as follows:

4H Lawn Service	\$285.00 per cutting
Tim Nunn Gen. Con. Service LLC	\$350.00 per cutting
Accu Sweep of Athens, Inc.	\$250.00 per cutting
Sartain Lawn Care	\$421.00 per cutting

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved to put the recommendation on the agenda of April 5, 2010.

Item No. 11. Consider allowing RFPs for Time Keeping System to be opened in the Chairman's office. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove requested that the RFPs be opened in his office on April 15, 2010 after 2:00 pm which is the deadline for acceptance. There will be several things to consider which will be time consuming.

On motion by Commissioner Scogin and second by Commissioner Pethel, the Board unanimously approved for the RFPs to be opened in the Chairman's office on April 15, 2010.

Item No. 12. Consider 2009 Ferrara Engine/Pumper truck for Hull VFD. (Commissioner Youngblood)

Commissioner Youngblood stated that this is for the County to enter into a lease/purchase contract with the Hull VFD for a 2009 Ferrara Engine/Pumper truck. This is to allow the Chairman to sign the documents subject to review and approval by County Attorney, Mike Pruett and Finance Director, Kathy Clark.

On motion by Commissioner Bond and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board unanimously approved the above.

Item No. 13. Roads Update. (Chairman Dove)

Chairman Dove took requests from the Board for road maintenance. Commissioner Pethel informed the Board that he had received a call from a citizen wanting to thank the Board for repairing their road.

Item No. 14. Urgent Matters. (Chairman Dove)

None.

Item No. 15. Review April 5, 2010 agenda for Business Meeting.

Consider recommendation of Jason Lewis for EMS Director.

Consider recommendation for lawn maintenance.

Item No. 16. Statements and Remarks from Citizens.

None.

Item No. 17. Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, personnel matters and/or potential litigation (if needed).

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Youngblood, the Board agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation at 7:05 pm.

The Board returned at 7:50 pm.

Item No. 18. Adjourn.

On motion by Commissioner Pethel and second by Commissioner Scogin, the Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.